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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 20, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 20, 2007. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light of the following arguments.